



MARKHAM

NAPA VALLEY
VINEYARDS



BLUE BOOTS RED BLEND

OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

It's not uncommon to see our winemaker Kim Nicholls rocking her iconic blue boots and kicking around new ideas. This unique Blue Boots bottling celebrates Kim's creative spirit; always a blend from one singular Napa Valley AVA, but never the same year to year. For the 2023 vintage, a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot from the Oakville AVA yields a nose of violets and graphite, flavors of crisp black cherries and an intense finish lively with acidity.

"Oakville is where the character of Merlot and Cabernet collide. I had so much fun harmonizing the two so they shine equally in this unique blend."

WINEMAKER KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

VINEYARD NOTES

- Oakville AVA
- Holmes, Lincoln Creek & Levy vineyards
- Clones: 181 (Merlot), 7 & 15 (Cabernet)
- Soil Type: Gravelly Bale Loam
- Harvest Dates: 10/20 & 10/26

OAKVILLE AVA

With Rutherford to the north and Yountville to the south, Oakville is one of Napa's most iconic AVAs. Elevation from 130-1000 ft. Goldilocks climate, with heat from the north valley and cooling bay influence from the south.

HARVEST NOTES

- 2023 was the longest growing season on record, with late starts for all growing milestones: bud-break, bloom, fruit set, veraison and harvest. Harvest started a week after Labor Day but went smoothly and finished relatively early.
- Consistent, mild weather throughout the growing season and long hangtimes resulted in excellent quality for both reds and whites, with the wines showcasing beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and excellent balance. An exceptional vintage.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot

ALCOHOL

14.2%

PH

3.63

TA

5.9 g/L

BARRELS PRODUCED

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FERMENTATION

100% Stainless Steel, 36 Days Skin Contact

AGING

20 Months in French Oak, 57% New

BOTTLING DATE

July 2025

RELEASE DATE

March 2026